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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
DOCKET ROOM

Mr. Bill Morris
Director of Rates
Nashville Gas Company
c/o Piedmont Natural Gas Company
1915 Rexford Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

Re: Data Request for State Industries and Bridgestone/Firestone, Our Docket No. 02-01270
and Docket [REDACTED] respectively.

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Authority, on December 16, 2002, gave Nashville Gas Company a ninety day extension on two existing contracts with State Industries and Bridgestone/Firestone. In order for the Staff to properly consider these two contracts, because they are special contracts, we will need the following information for each one. Consider this Data Request #1, and it will be due back on January 10, 2003.

1. Provide evidence of a imminent threat of bypass, detailing how close the customer is to the pipeline, the estimated cost of bypass, and if any permits or other information has be acquired from the pipeline by the customer. Provide any details of meetings and/or communications between Nashville Gas Company and the two customers.
2. Provide evidence or documentation between Nashville Gas Company and its customers regarding negotiations to confirm that the highest rate was negotiated from their customers.
3. Provide any information detailing how the decision to bypass Nashville Gas Company by its customers would be an economic hardship for the Company.
4. Will the Company and Bridgestone/Firestone be willing to sign an amendment to their agreement giving the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the right to approve the contract at the end of each subsequent year after 2005?
5. For both State Industries and Bridgestone Firestone provide:
 - a. Volumes for the last 12 months for these customers, volumes for the 12 months preceding the original agreement and projected volumes for each of the succeeding years in the agreements.

- b. Rates, times, volumes for the 12 months of the original agreement, most recent 12 months, and for the projected life of the new agreements.
- c. Margin for the last 12 months and projected margin to the end of the contracted years (2005 and 2007) for each customer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I can be reached at (615) 741-2904, Ext. 177.

Sincerely,

David McClanahan / blp

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Energy & Water Division

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